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Response and Amendment

The Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

RESPONSE

In response to the Office Action mailed 12/19/02 for which a response is now due the period of time having been extended please consider the following amendments and remarks which Applicants submit overcome the rejections.